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DEFY NATURAL LAWS...
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IN
*'The VENGEANCE of COYOTE
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VENGEANCE of COYOTE CHARLIE!

STORY:
KURATO OSAKI
ART:
OGDEN WHITNEY



READERS MEET **HAMILTON FRUMP**, METEOROLOGIST AT THE RED SANDS WEATHER STATION. FOR THE PAST THREE MONTHS, HIS EVERY FORECAST HAS BEEN **ACCURATE!**

AH YES, WITH THE LATEST BAROGRAPHS, ANEMOMETERS AND OTHER ADVANCED INSTRUMENTS, PREDICTING THE WEATHER HAS BECOME AN EXACT SCIENCE.



BUT FOR A **REALLY** ACCURATE WEATHER FORECAST, I HAVE A **SPECIAL** TECHNIQUE--A SECRET METHOD THAT **CAN'T** MISS! IF YOU'LL JUST FOLLOW ME, I'LL EXPLAIN--



WHAT I DO IS DROP OVER TO VISIT MY OLD FRIEND **COYOTE CHARLIE!** YOU CAN HEAR HIM BEATING ON HIS SPIRIT DRUMS NOW!



THAT'S OLD CHARLIE--THE LAST OF HIS TRIBE AND THE BEST WEATHER FORECASTER IN THE SOUTHWEST! IF YOU'VE GOT A MOMENT, I'LL TELL YOU HOW HE **PROVED** IT!



"SINCE EARLY CHILDHOOD, COYOTE CHARLIE HAD CULTIVATED A GARDEN WHERE HE RAISED THE MAIZE, BEANS AND SQUASH THAT HELPED TO FEED HIS TRIBE..."



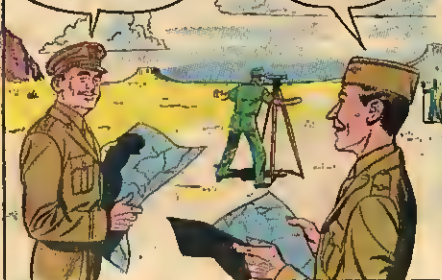
"AS A MEDICINE MAN, OLD CHARLIE WAS THE BEST! IN THE DRIEST YEARS, HIS CHANTS COULD BRING RAIN FROM THE SKY SPIRIT..."



"BUT OVER THE YEARS, THE TRIBE DWINDLED UNTIL ONLY CHARLIE REMAINED. AND THEN ONE FINE DAY CAME THE PALEFACE SOLDIERS..."

COLONEL, THIS IS JUST THE PLACE WE NEED FOR OUR NEW ROCKET BASE.

EXCELLENT TERRAIN, SIR. I THINK YOU'VE MADE A FINE CHOICE.



THAT WEATHER STATION IS A BREAK FOR US. WE'LL BE ABLE TO USE THEIR FORECASTS TO GUIDE OUR LAUNCHINGS...

AND THIS LAND--IT USED TO BELONG TO THE INDIANS, BUT THE TRIBE DIED OFF...ALL BUT ONE OLD CODGER. WE'RE GOING TO VISIT HIM NOW!

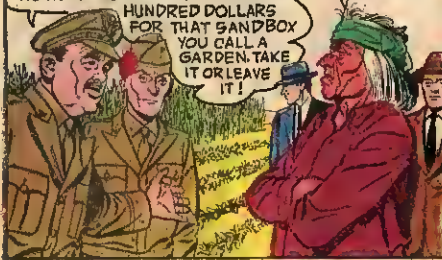


"GENERALS AND SCIENTISTS SPOKE LONG AND EARNESTLY TO COYOTE CHARLIE, BUT THE POOR INDIAN COULDN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT WAS HAPPENING..."

NOW LOOK, FRIEND, I'M **THROUGH** TRYING TO EXPLAIN. WE NEED THIS LAND FOR A ROCKET BASE. WE'RE OFFERING YOU FIVE

WHAT GOOD IS MONEY? CAN CHARLIE EAT IT LIKE CORN OR BEANS? NO! CHARLIE NOT SELL!

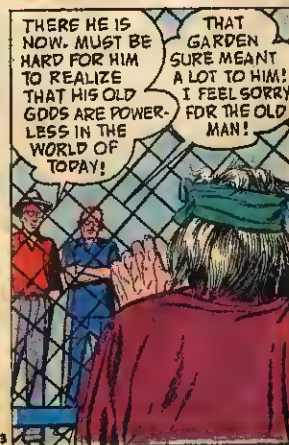
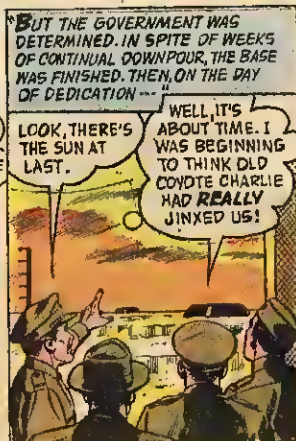
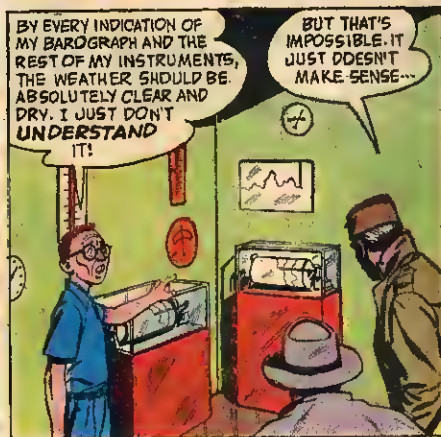
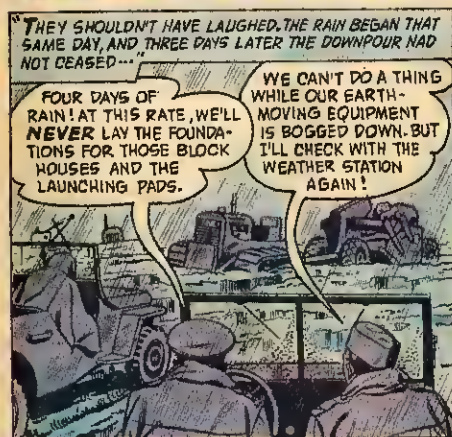
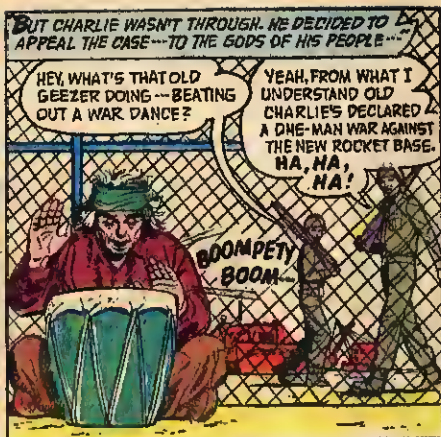
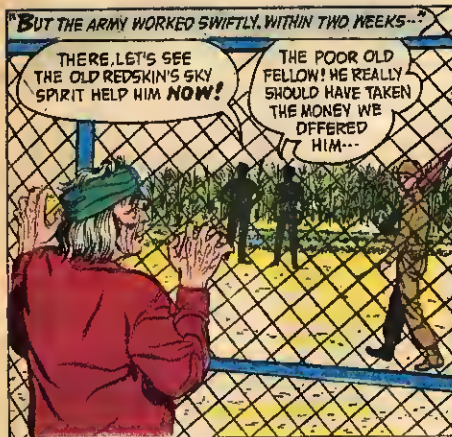
HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR THAT SANDBOX YOU CALL A GARDEN. TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT!



IF THAT'S YOUR ATTITUDE, I'LL HAVE THE COURTS CONFISCATE THE LAND. WE'LL TAKE IT AWAY FROM YOU!

NO! PALEFACE GENERAL CANNOT TAKE AWAY WHAT IS CHARLIE'S. THE **SKY SPIRIT** WILL NOT PERMIT IT!





BUT CHARLIE DIDN'T WANT THEIR SYMPATHY. ON THE DAY OF THE FIRST ROCKET TEST, HE WAS BACK WITH HIS DRUM...

OF COURSE NOT, COLONEL. THE WHOLE IDEA IS PREPOSTEROUSLY UNSCIENTIFIC!

HE'S AT IT **AGAIN**, FRUMP! YOU'RE A METEOROLOGIST...WHAT DO **YOU** THINK? CAN THAT DRUM ACTUALLY HAVE ANY INFLUENCE

ON THE WEATHER? THE VIBRATIONS, PERHAPS?

BOOMETY BOOM!

"BUT AS THE COUNT-DOWN BEGAN FOR TEST LAUNCHING..."

TEN! NINE!
EIGHT! SEVEN!
SIX! FIVE!...

"THEN SUDDENLY OUT OF THE SKY IT CAME...A FIERY BOLT OF LIGHTNING..."

CR-ACK!

THE MISSILE WAS ENSULFED IN FLAME AS THE ROCKET FUEL EXPLODED...

QUICKLY, MEN, WE'VE GOT TO SAVE AS MUCH OF THAT ROCKET AS WE CAN! EVERY SECOND COUNTS!

"TO THE SCIENTISTS AND TECHNICIANS, WHAT THEY HAD SEEN WAS UNBELIEVABLE..."

BUT IT'S **IMPOSSIBLE!** LIGHTNING STRIKING OUT OF A CLEAR BLUE SKY...

IF I HADN'T SEEN, IT WITH MY OWN EYES...

"AND AT THE FENCE, OLD CHARLIE ROSE TO LEAVE, LIKE A MAN WHOSE WORK WAS DONE..."

THAT OLD FAKER...I'LL BET HE ACTUALLY BELIEVES THAT DRUM OF HIS HELPED BLOW UP THE ROCKET!

BUT YOU'VE GOT TO ADMIT IT WAS QUITE A **COINCIDENCE!**

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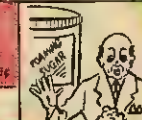
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"BUT THE DAY BEFORE THE NEXT ROCKET LAUNCHING FOUND CHARLIE CROUCHED OUTSIDE THE FENCE ONCE MORE..."

I DON'T GET IT. HE HASN'T GOT HIS DRUM WITH HIM, BUT HE'S MAKING SOME KIND OF STRANGE SIGN ON THE GROUND. WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF IT, FRUMP?

THAT'S AN INDIAN SAND PAINTING, SOME KIND OF APPEAL TO THE SPIRITS! BUT I'VE NEVER SEEN ONE DONE IN A SPIRAL PATTERN. WONDER WHAT IT MEANS?



NOTHING HAPPENED THAT DAY, BUT THAT NIGHT, THE ANCIENT PUEBLO ECHOED TO THE BEAT OF CHARLIE'S DRUM..."

HE'S DOWN IN THE KIVA... THE SACRED UNDERGROUND ROOM OF THE PUEBLO. FROM THE SOUND OF THAT DRUM, HE'S WORKING ON SOMETHING REALLY SPECIAL!

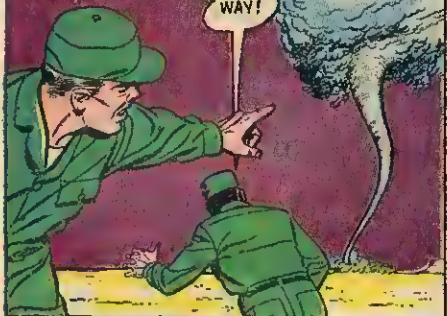
TALK SENSE, FRUMP. YOU'RE A SCIENTIST... DON'T TELL ME THAT OLD REDSKIN HAS YOU HOODWINKED TOO!



"AND YET, THE NEXT MORNING, OUT OF A CLEAR, CALM SKY..."

LOOK, A TORNADO!

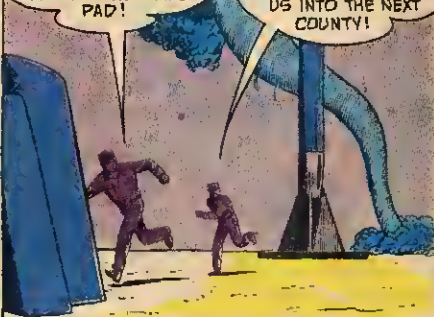
AND HEADED THIS WAY!



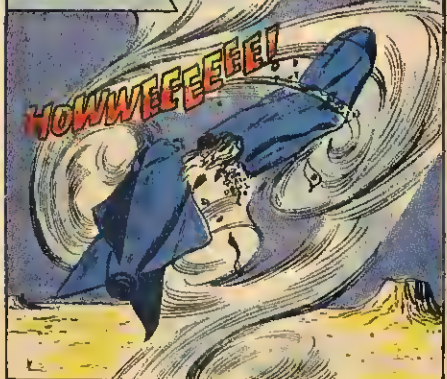
"AS IF GUIDED BY SOME MIGHTY HAND, THE TORNADO MOVED UNERRINGLY TOWARD ITS TARGET..."

THAT TWISTER IS COMING STRAIGHT FOR THE LAUNCHING PAD!

QUICK, INSIDE... BEFORE THAT WINDSTORM DROPS US INTO THE NEXT COUNTRY!



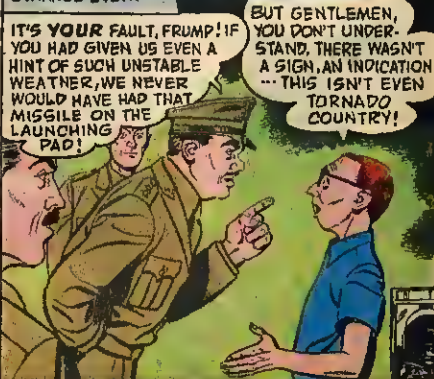
"IN THE NEXT MOMENT, THE TORNADO HAD SEIZED THE ROCKET, BROKEN ITS BACK AND LEFT IT A SHATTERED RUIN!"

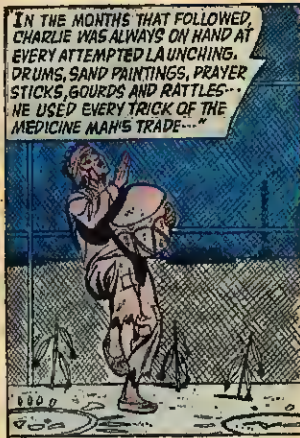
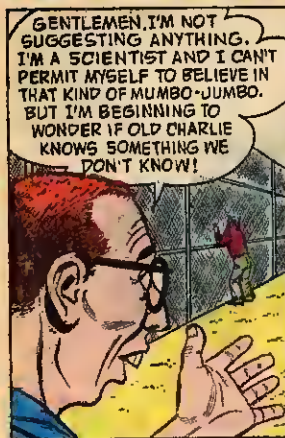
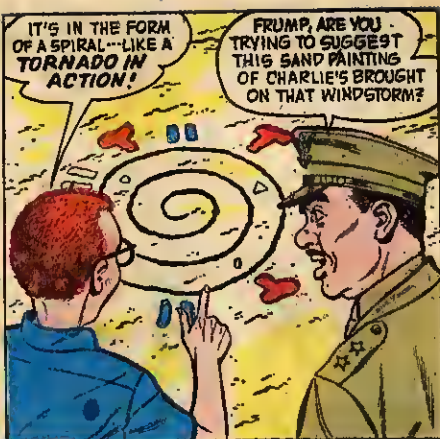


"LATER THEY CAME TO THE WEATHER STATION, SEARCHING ANXIOUSLY FOR THE KEY TO THE STRANGE EVENT..."

IT'S YOUR FAULT, FRUMP! IF YOU HAD GIVEN US EVEN A HINT OF SUCH UNSTABLE WEATHER, WE NEVER WOULD HAVE HAD THAT MISSILE ON THE LAUNCHING PAD!

BUT GENTLEMEN, YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND. THERE WASN'T A SIGN, AN INDICATION... THIS ISN'T EVEN TORNADO COUNTRY!





THE GENERAL LEFT, HIS FACE A MASK OF GRIM PURPOSE. ANXIOUSLY, THEY FOLLOWED HIM TOWARD THE BASE FENCE. IT WAS THERE THAT HE MET OLD CHARLIE...

ALL RIGHT, SITTING BULL, YOU'VE WON! YOU CAN HAVE YOUR BLASTED GARDEN! I'M REMOVING THE FENCE!

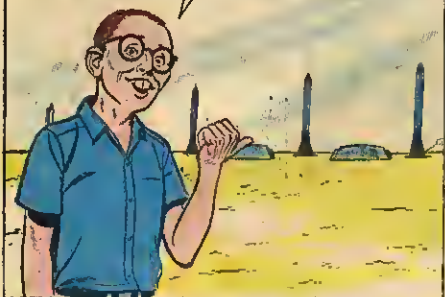
AH! PALEFACE SOLDIER GETTING SMART NOW!



THAT WAS ALL MONTHS AGO. THE WEATHER IS MUCH MORE PREDICTABLE NOW...AND CHARLIE'S GARDEN IS GOOD FOR A BUMPER CROP THIS YEAR.



AS FOR THE ROCKET PROGRAM--- IT'S ACHIEVED COMPLETE SUCCESS AT A NEARBY POINT! AND NEXT WEEK THEY'RE LAUNCHING A SPECIAL ROCKET THAT WILL CIRCLE THE MOON AND RETURN TO EARTH!



NOWADAYS THE BASE FINDS MY FORECASTS COMPLETELY ACCURATE---AND THEY OUGHT TO BE! AFTER ALL, I'M WORKING WITH A PRETTY GOOD MAN NOW... COYOTE CHARLIE!



WELL, CHARLIE, WHAT'S THE GOOD WORD FOR TOMORROW?

UGH! CROPS NEED MORE WATER. CHARLIE ASK SKY SPIRIT FOR RAIN!



AS I WAS SAYING--- WEATHER PREDICTION HAS BECOME AN EXACT SCIENCE!



The END!

From **YOUR EDITOR-** to **YOU!**

Hello, "Forbidden Worlds" fans! We hope you're interested in the project we announced last month—finding out what our typical readers are like. You'll recollect that we asked you to write and tell us about yourself. Well—that means *you!* And let us know what you like and dislike about our stories, while you're writing. Remember that we plan to publish the most interesting letters—so if you want to be introduced to your fellow-fans, address yours to The Editor, "Forbidden Worlds," 347 Fifth Avenue, New York 16, N. Y. And now, let's look over some of the interesting mail we've been receiving!

"Dear Editor:—

No one can please all of the people all of the time, but you guys at 'Forbidden Worlds' sure are putting forth an amazing effort to please as many people as possible. I feel that the autobiographies of your writers and artists should be alternated. One autobiography one month, and the next month, all letters from the readers. 'Queen Of Uranus' was real cute and was worth the price of the entire magazine. 'Flaming Phantom' was a little weak, good art work though. 'The Stray' was highly entertaining, but 'The Oracle Stone' wasn't quite up to your usual standards. But all in all, your magazine was well worth the money. Please put me down in your books as a steady newsstand customer. Okay? Okay!

—George Smith, Wichita, Kans."

We do our best, George. Your idea of alternating biographical material with all letters is interesting and we are considering doing something like this. Thanks. . . .

"Dear Editor:—

I just read your December issue of 'Forbidden Worlds' again. I was reading 'From Your Editor To You' and I think David Taylor is as crazy as a loon. As for me, I think 'Forbidden Worlds' and 'Adventures Into The Unknown' are the best comic books on the stands. Everywhere I go, north, south, east or west, I always see your comic books. And while we're at it, how about having some more adventures of Herbie Popnecker real soon? I thought the story about him and 'The Riddle Of Robert O'Malley' were the best stories yet. So how about some more stories about Herbie? And where did he get his strange powers?

—Don Molino, Paris, Texas."

We'd say that little Herbie Popnecker is quite a guy. He likes you, too! About those powers of his—he doesn't like to talk about them, but he did say that he's got powers he hasn't even used yet! We're curious about them, too, so if we get a chance to bring Herbie back, we sure will!

"Dear Editor:—

Could I make a little suggestion? Probably

quite a few of the readers of your two glorious mags are collectors, right? Well, how about starting a back-issue trading post in 'Forbidden Worlds' and 'Adventures Into The Unknown'? It would give readers a chance to buy, sell and trade back copies and complete their collections. Since you have stated about 6,000 times that back issues generally aren't available, I sincerely think it's worth a try, since I'm determined to complete my collection! Then you could form an organization of some type and christen it something like 'F. W. & A. I. T. U. Fan Club'—but I know you can think of a better name. How about it—do I have an idea? Hope so!

—Jeff L. Patton, Park Ridge, Ill."

We'd say that Jeff has come up with an interesting thought! Do any of you other readers have any suggestions on the above? Shall we get with it?

"Dear Editor:—

I've been reading your magazines for I don't know how many years, and in my opinion, 'Forbidden Worlds' and 'Adventures Into The Unknown' are the best! I've just finished reading issue No. 76. 'The Glittering Nightmare,' 'Professor Benton's Bitters' and 'The Second Henry Stone' were superb both in art and literary work. But 'In The Beginning' was really a flop. I hope you don't think I'm just looking for attention, but this story really was dull and the ending was silly. But your magazine is really great and I hope you keep up the fine work. But I do have one more complaint—I don't like those one or two-page stories. I do like 'From Your Editor To You' very much. There—now you can hate me!

—Ada DiFelice, Detroit, Mich."

Hate you, Ada? Perish the thought! You've got every right to your opinions. We don't agree with you about 'In The Beginning'—but we will admit that we seem to have failed with regard to this story. Our failure was due to a great ending which, unfortunately, lacked clarity. Many readers didn't quite get what we were driving at. What we strove to show was that the ancient ancestors of the cavemen had left advice to help the progress of their descendants. But this advice wasn't uttered by spirit voices, as the cavemen thought—but was conveyed on a tape recorder left by the highly civilized ancestors. And now, about short features—they don't contain enough room for a story as good as our longer efforts, but we need them occasionally to round out a book!

"Dear Editor:—

I enjoy 'Forbidden Worlds' very much. There seems to be much comment on 'A Highly Localized Snowfall.' I didn't get the issue that carried that story, since I'm just a recent fan. On the cover of one of your issues, you had a picture of a dog, with mechanical insides. But in the story itself, the dog merely had unusually-shaped organs. How come? I enjoy 'From Your Editor To You' very much. I've noticed that some 'fans' seem to dislike what they read. Steve Gorman is one of these people. You'd think he'd be a

little more polite about the whole thing. But keep up the good work! A loyal fan—

—Anne Healey, Ithaca, N. Y."

Welcome to our readership, Annel! Sometimes there are differences in our covers. At times it's due to the fact that another artist has done the cover and adds his own ideas to it. And at other times, it's just symbolic. It's true about some of our critics being impolite. Funny thing—they lambaste us, but they keep coming back for more!

"Dear Editor:—

I've written three times already, and not once did you show consideration enough to publish my letter. Everyone won't praise you, you know, but that's what you expect. You write on top of the Editor's page: 'Write and tell us if you like or dislike our magazine.' Well, some people dislike your comic and tell you and you insult them! If you don't want criticism, why not write, 'We want only praise!' Let's face it—you do. I bet you won't have an answer for this. Some letters are awful strange—maybe you make them up, like once before. The people who don't like your comic are not cranks—we merely dislike it!

—Carolyn Jones, New York, N. Y."

Oh, Carolyn, Carolyn. Not publishing your previous letters wasn't due to any lack of consideration—just to lack of space. We get several thousand letters from readers every month—and select letters that we feel our readers might be interested in. We don't select only letters of praise—just reading these pages should prove that. True, a lot of letters panning us never see the light of day—just as we don't print many letters that praise us. If you only see one brickbat to ten orchids here, it's because that's the proportion. People who don't like our magazine aren't necessarily cranks—but with others, just reading their rude babble is the tipoff. And about making up letters—we don't have to do that, fortunately. In closing, we pointed out, above, that some people lambaste us, but keep coming back for more. If you've written us three times already, as you state, we'd say you're in that class!

"Dear Editor:—

I've been reading 'Forbidden Worlds' every chance I could get to buy one. I think issue No. 77 was great! Especially 'The Golden Doom.' It seemed to have—well, it had just the right things to make a fine story. You had better keep writers like Ogden Whitney. I also liked the story he wrote in issue No. 78—'The Stray.' When I read a good fiction comic, I make believe that I'm actually there. If everybody tried reading like this, they'd get a kick out of it with such stories as you publish. I'll be waiting at the stand for your next issue!

—David Sheets, Farmington, Mich."

You're a bit off on Ogden Whitney, David, He's not a writer, but an artist, and a darned good one. He drew 'The Golden Doom,' but had nothing to do with 'The Stray.'

"Dear Editor:—

Came across your March issue of 'Forbidden Worlds.' I really don't wish to be sarcastic, but for my own benefit, is your bear man on the cover supposed to have two left feet—or did the artist goof?

—Mike DeStefano, Ridgway, Penna."

You're not the only one who's written in on that score, Mike, and we're studying that cover care-

fully this very moment. We feel that you're mistaken. The foot that's shown is the left one. The other leg is the right—look at it again!

"Dear Editor:—

I think that 'A Highly Localized Snowfall' was the best story I've ever read. In fact, my brother and I have started a collection of your wonderful magazines. My brother thinks 'In The Beginning' was the most. I think that everyone should buy 'Forbidden Worlds'!

—Susan and Pat Hammond, Ead, Okla."

Readers like you make it all so worthwhile, Susan! We promise to keep working our heads off to bring you the kind of exciting stories you like!

"Dear Editor:—

I've read your two magazines for a very long time and I have never really disliked a story you've printed. The artwork in your books is almost as wonderful as the stories. I've just finished reading your May issue of 'Forbidden Worlds,' and believe that the best story was 'The Oracle Stone.' Artist Ogden Whitney is really terrific. Maybe you could have one issue with all the stories illustrated by one artist. Then if you have such an issue, you could tell the artist's or writer's history. I'm glad you publish the letters from some of those crackpots, since it gives others a chance to write in and embarrass them, if it's possible to do that to those idiots. Well—here's hoping you continue with your excellent work! A loyal fan—

—Jackie Finley, Niagara Falls, N. Y."

Know what, Jackie? We're going to get in some irate crank letters charging that there's no such person as Jackie Finley—that we made up your letter! However, let's be sensible about these things. There may be people who hate our magazine and detest our stories who aren't cranks, but sincere. You can always distinguish the crank from the critic . . . the crank is the one who gets abusive!

"Dear Editor:—

I just started reading 'Forbidden Worlds' three months ago, but I had to write and tell you what I thought of issue No. 78. 'The Stray' was the best story I've ever read. It not only showed exciting fiction, but the love that animals can give you if you show them a little kindness. 'The Oracle Stone' was very good, but when I got to 'The Flaming Phantom,' I thought it was a disgrace to be put with the other great stories. 'Queen Of Uranus' was also one of the best stories I've ever read. Hope you don't mind me telling you what I thought of 'The Flaming Phantom'!

—J. G. Cox, Norfolk City, Va."

We don't mind at all hearing an adverse opinion, and thank you just as sincerely for it as if it had been praise. After all, how are we ever going to continue to improve unless our friends tell us when we've missed the mark? This is well-meant and constructive criticism, and we welcome it. Matter of fact, you've got a lot of company in your adverse opinion on 'The Flaming Phantom.' Sorry you didn't like it. Actually, this is a documented recountal of a sea story widely believed to be true. In other words, it's supposed to be fact, not fiction—and we feel that this is the reason many folks didn't go for it. Our readers want plots—so we'll try not to repeat our mistake in the future!

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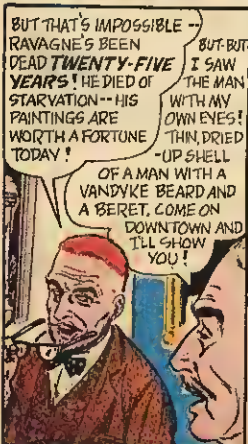
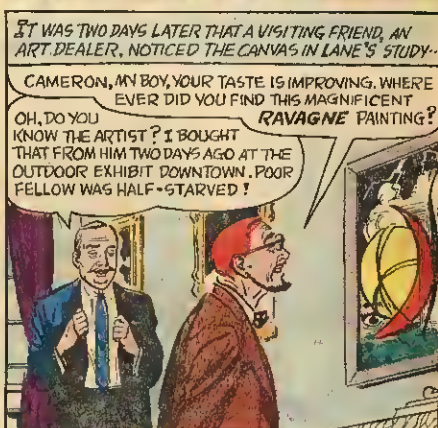
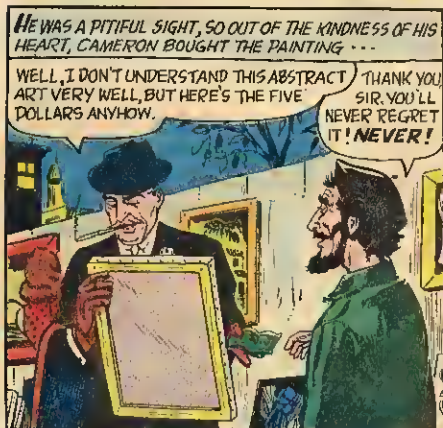
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THEY WERE PATIENT AND TIME WAS NO OBSTACLE! BUT WHEN A MILLION YEARS HAD PASSED, THEY THOUGHT IT PROPER AND FITTING TO DROP BY FOR---

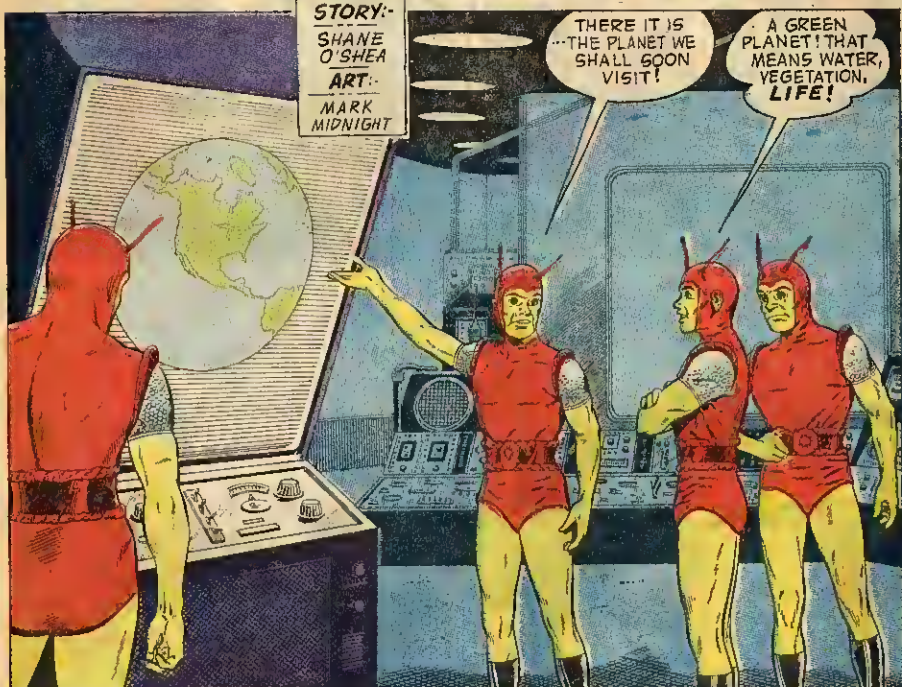
A SECOND LOOK!

STORY:-

SHANE
O'SHEA

ART:-

MARK
MIDNIGHT



THAT IS THE IMPORTANT THING, ROGG, **LIFE!** IT IS OUR HOPE THAT THE SPECIES LIVING ON THIS WORLD WILL BE SUITABLE FOR DOMINATION BY OUR OWN KIND...



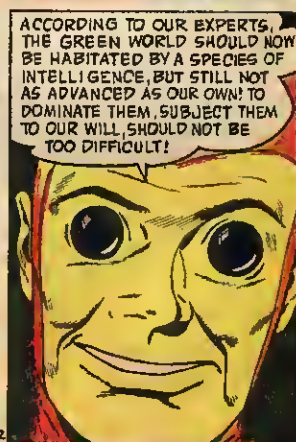
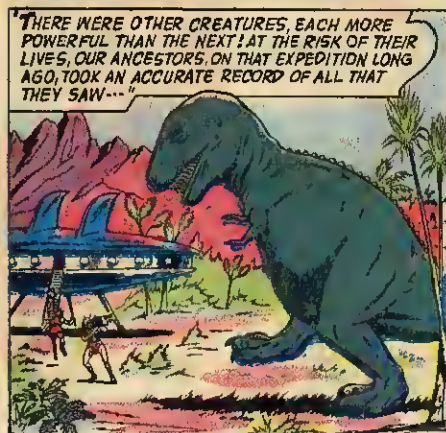
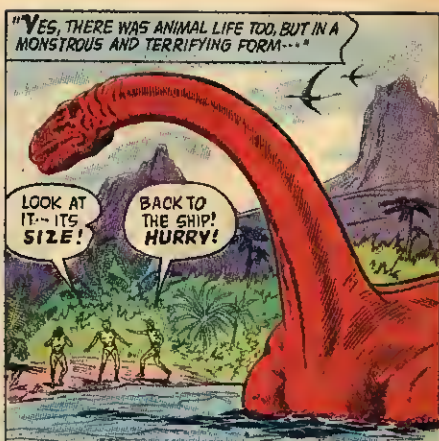
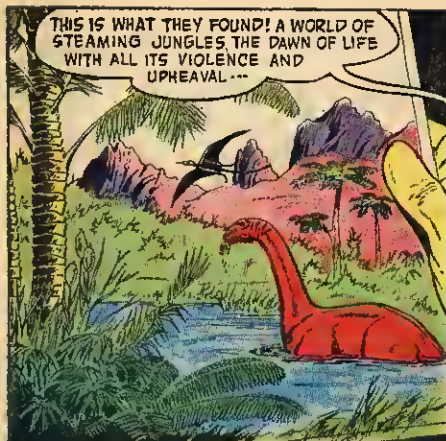
AS YOU ALREADY KNOW, AN EXPLORING GROUP FROM OUR WORLD VISITED THIS GREEN PLANET A MILLION YEARS BACK!

AND WAS THERE LIFE ON IT THEN?



YES, THERE WAS LIFE ON THIS PLANET, AND OUR FORBEARS TURNED IN A FULL AND EXCELLENT REPORT!





SHORTLY AFTERWARDS, THE SPACE SHIP BEARING THE EXPLORATION PARTY SOARED OFF INTO SPACE. THE MISSION BRINGING THEM TO THE GREEN PLANET WAS UNDERWAY...



SWIFTLY THE BROAD, DARK STRETCHES OF SPACE WERE SPANNED. SOON THE PLANET WAS, BENEATH THEM...

IT IS TOO DARK TO SEE, BUT IT IS BEST THAT WE SHOW NO LIGHTS! WE DO NOT WANT TO DRAW SUSPICION!

PREPARE FOR LANDING!

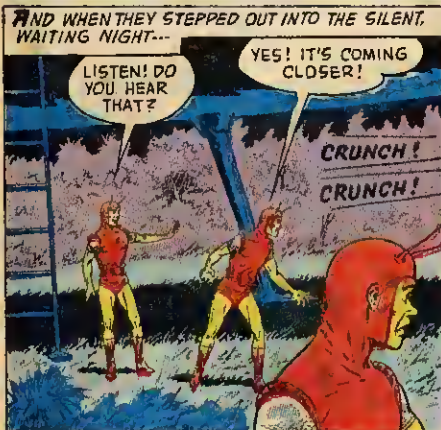


AND WHEN THEY STEPPED OUT INTO THE SILENT, WAITING NIGHT...

LISTEN! DO YOU HEAR THAT?

YES! IT'S COMING CLOSER!

CRUNCH!
CRUNCH!

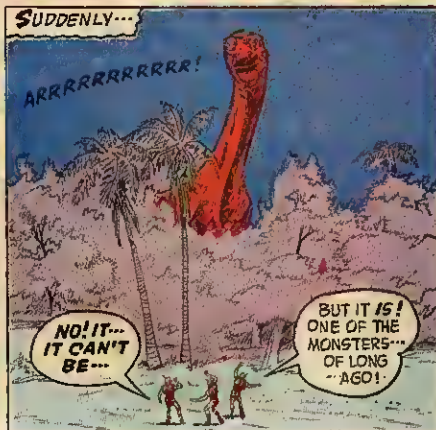


SUDDENLY...

ARRRRRRRRRR!

NO! IT... IT CAN'T BE...

BUT IT IS! ONE OF THE MONSTERS... OF LONG AGO!



THERE'S... ANOTHER!

RARRRR!

BACK TO THE SHIP! HURRY!

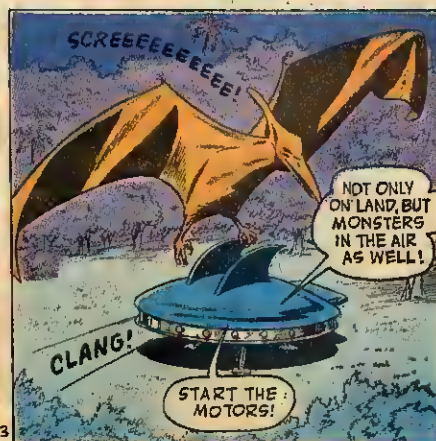


SCREEEEEEEE!

NOT ONLY ON LAND, BUT MONSTERS IN THE AIR AS WELL!

CLANG!

START THE MOTORS!



IN A BURST OF SPEED, THEY SOARED INTO SPACE...

ANOTHER MOMENT AND THAT MONSTROUS FLYING CREATURE WOULD HAVE HAD US!

IT IS STRANGE! THE MONSTERS OUR FOR-BEARERS HAD SEEN HERE A MILLION YEARS AGO ARE **STILL HERE!** THERE HAS BEEN **NO CHANGE...** NO ADVANCE IN THE LIFE FORM!



THERE CAN BE ONE ANSWER! FOR REASONS WE CANNOT EXPLAIN, THE GREEN PLANET HAS BEEN CAUGHT IN AN EVOLUTIONARY FREEZE! LIFE HERE HAS COME TO A STANDSTILL, PROGRESS HALTED INDEFINITELY!

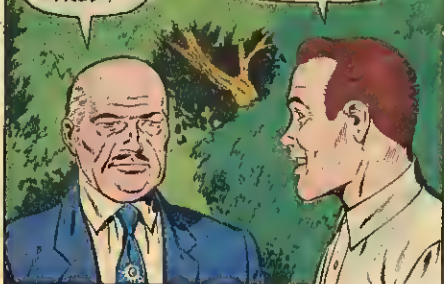
YES! THAT MUST BE SO!



FARTHER AND FARTHER INTO SPACE WENT THE HURLING SAUCER, BACK TO WHERE IT CAME FROM! AND ON THE GREEN PLANET, WHEN NIGHT GAVE WAY TO DAY...

HOW'D IT GO LAST NIGHT, FRED?

SMOOTH AS SILK, MR. GARRETT! NOT A HITCH ANYWHERE...



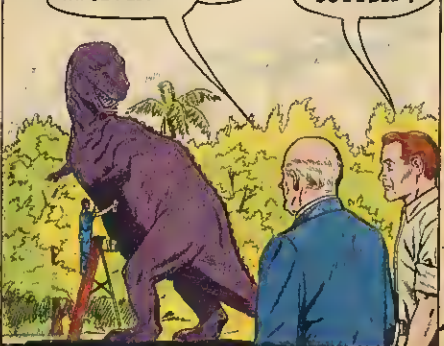
I PUT THE PROPS THROUGH THEIR PAGES LAST NIGHT AND THEY WORKED LIKE A CHARM! WE CAN OPEN ANYTIME YOU'RE READY!



GOOD, FRED! EXCELLENT!

BUT STILL, I KEEP WONDERING IF THIS DINOSAUR AMUSEMENT PARK WILL GO OVER WITH THE PUBLIC! IT COULD END UP AN AWFUL FLOP!

MAYBE NOT, MR. GARRETT! I THINK IT HAS A GOOD CHANCE TO **SUCCEED!**



BUT UNKNOWN TO THEM, THE AMUSEMENT PARK **HAD SUCCEEDED...** AND FAR BEYOND THEIR FONDEST HOPES!

WE MAY AS WELL FORGET THE GREEN PLANET! THE CHANCES ARE IT WILL **NEVER** SUPPORT AN INTELLIGENT FORM OF LIFE! THERE ARE OTHER WORLDS TO DOMINATE, HOWEVER-- WE WILL LOOK **ELSEWHERE!**



THE END

HE WAS A SCIENTIST, A MAN TRAINED TO BELIEVE ONLY WHAT HE COULD SEE WITH HIS OWN EYES, MEASURE WITH HIS INSTRUMENTS! AND YET HOW COULD ANYONE BELIEVE HIS FANTASTIC TALE OF--

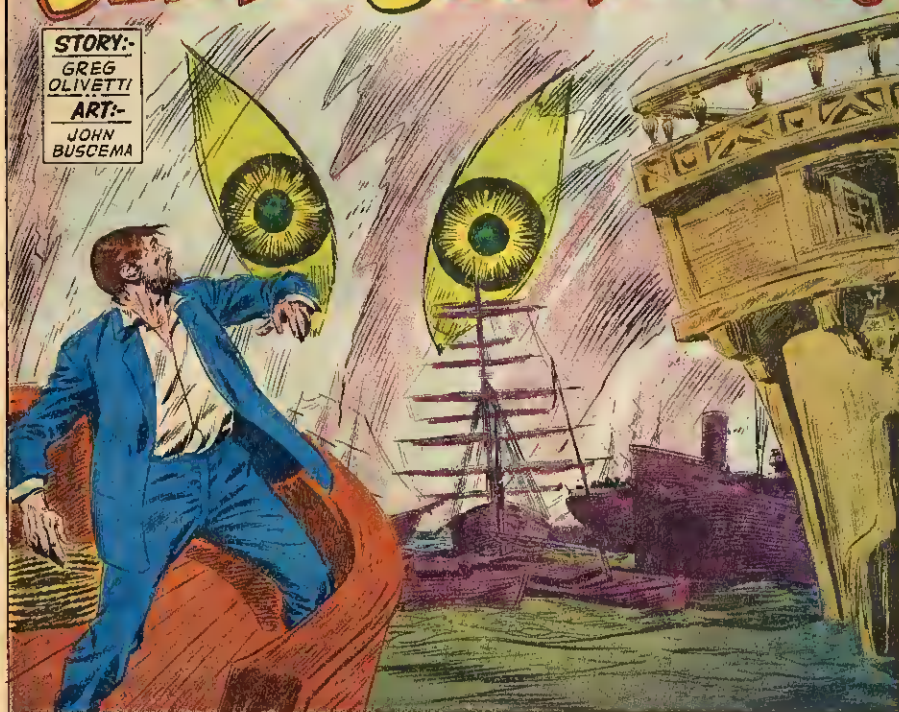
THE SECRET of the SARGASSO!

STORY:-

GREG OLIVETTI

ART:-

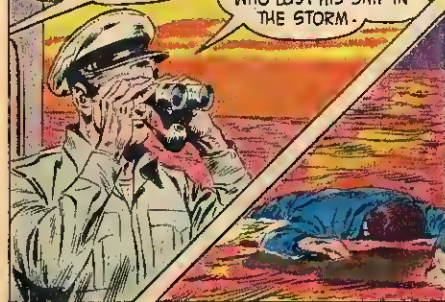
JOHN BUSCEMA



OUR STORY BEGINS ABOARD A FREIGHTER WHICH HAD JUST SURVIVED A SOUTH ATLANTIC HURRICANE---

AYOY, THE BRIDGE!
MAN DRIFT OFF THE
STARBOARD BOW!

HE'S FLOATING ON
SOME WRECKAGE
--- MUST BE A CASTAWAY
WHO LOST HIS SHIP IN
THE STORM.



BUT AS THE CASTAWAY WAS HAULED ABOARD---

I WAS BEGINNING TO
GIVE UP HOPE. BOGGS
IS THE NAME ---
LANCELOT
BOGGS.

BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
LANCELOT BOGGS VANISHED
AT SEA SIX MONTHS AGO---
HE WAS GIVEN UP FOR
LOST!



LOST? YES, MANY'S THE TIME IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS I'VE GIVEN MYSELF UP FOR LOST, TOO. WHAT HAPPENED TO ME, WHAT I'VE GONE THROUGH—IT'S UNBELIEVABLE!



HE TOLD HOW HE'D BEEN LEADING AN OCEANOGRAPHIC EXPEDITION ACROSS THE SOUTH ATLANTIC...

HERE IT IS, CAPTAIN, A MAP SPOTTING THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION OF HUNDREDS OF SHIPS WHICH DISAPPEARED IN THIS PART OF THE OCEAN, THROUGH THE LAST FEW CENTURIES. MANY OF THEM VANISHED INTO THIN AIR IN CALM WEATHER...



AND YOU THINK THERE'S SOMETHING THAT TIES ALL THESE DISAPPEARANCES TOGETHER?

I'M CERTAIN OF IT! SOMEWHERE OUT HERE, WE'LL FIND ALL THOSE VESSELS, FIND THEM STILL AFLOAT!



TO THE OFFICERS ABOARD THE "SEAFOAM," BOGGS' THEORIES WERE A SOURCE OF CONSTANT AMUSEMENT...

AND YOU BELIEVE THAT SOME DAY YOU'LL FIND ALL THESE VANISHED SHIPS FLOATING TOGETHER LIKE A HUGE RAFT? WHY, BOGGS, THAT'S JUST THE LEGEND OF THE SARGASSO SEA! IT'S NOTHING BUT A MYTH!

IT'S MORE THAN JUST A MYTH, GENTLEMEN!



THE SARGASSO SEA! HA-HA!

THEY'RE THROWING AWAY EVERY CENT THEY SPENT ON THIS CRAZY EXPEDITION.

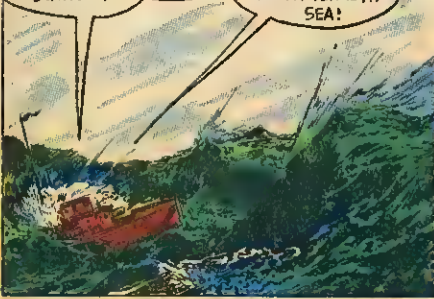
LET THEM LAUGH. I'LL PROVE MY THEORY SOME DAY.



IT WAS A FEW DAYS LATER THAT IT HAPPENED. WITHOUT A SIGN OF WARNING, A GALE SUDDENLY SWEEPED ACROSS THE SEA...

THAT STORM CAME OUT OF NOWHERE. I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT.

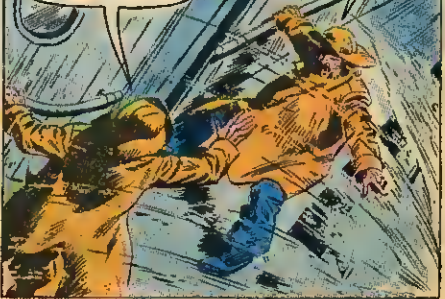
AND NOT A CLOUD IN THE SKY. I HAVEN'T SEEN THE LIKE IN THIRTY YEARS AT SEA!

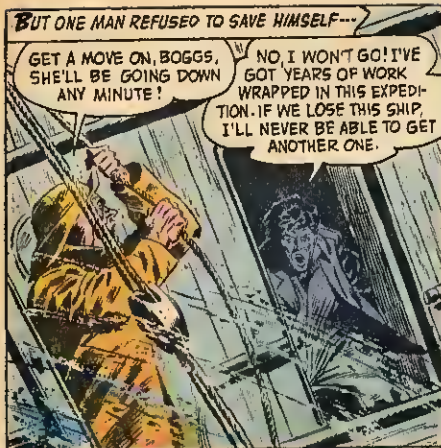


CAUGHT IN THAT UNEARTHLY STORM, THE SEAFOAM WAS SOON HELPLESS...

SHE'S OPENED HER SEAMS, SIR. WE'RE LEAKING BADLY, AND THE ENGINES HAVE GONE DEAD. WE'LL HAVE TO ABANDON HER.

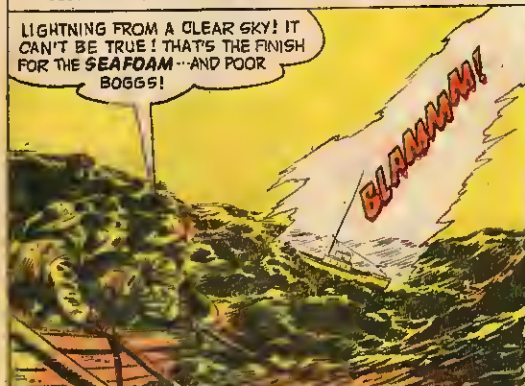
ALL HANDS TO THE LIFE-BOATS!





AS THEY ROWED AWAY, A SHEET OF LIGHTNING SWEEPED DOWN FROM THE CLOUDLESS SKY--- A MIGHTY BOLT OF UNSPEAKABLE POWER---

LIGHTNING FROM A CLEAR SKY! IT CAN'T BE TRUE! THAT'S THE FINISH FOR THE SEAFOAM---AND POOR BOGGS!



AND SO IT SEEMED. AS IMMENSE FORCES SEIZED THE SHIP IN THEIR GRASP, LANCELOT BOGGS LAY STUNNED UPON THE DECK---



AND WHEN FINALLY THE YOUNG SCIENTIST CAME TO HIS SENSES---

WHAT HAPPENED?
WH-WHERE AM I?



THE STORM WAS OVER, BUT AS HE LOOKED ACROSS THE SHIP'S RAIL, HIS EYES WIDENED WITH ASTONISHMENT---

SHIPS! THE WHOLE OCEAN'S COVERED WITH SHIPS!



HE STARED IN DISBELIEF AT THE HUNDREDS OF VESSELS AND ABANDONED DERELICTS THAT LAY MOORED ABOUT HIM... SHIPS OF EVERY NATION AND EVERY AGE! IT WAS BEYOND COMPREHENSION, BUT HE TRIED TO MAKE SENSE OF IT...

IT'S THE **SARGASSO SEA**! I'VE FOUND IT! I'VE PROVED MY THEORY AT LAST!



BUT IN THE NEXT MOMENT, HE WAS AWARE OF SOMETHING SHIMMERING FAR OUT ON THE HORIZON...

STRANGE! IT LOOKS AS IF SOMEONE HAD REPLACED THE SKY WITH A HUGE BOWL OF GLASS, STRETCHING FROM HORIZON TO HORIZON!

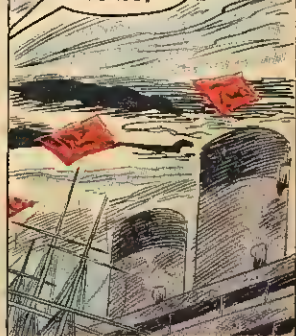


STEP BY NERVE-SHATTERING STEP, HE SEEMED TO BE MOVING BEYOND THE BORDERS OF SANITY...

AND THAT **SIGN** ABOVE THE SHIP... THERE'S SOME KIND OF SYMBOL MARKED ON IT IN A LANGUAGE I CAN'T READ!



GREAT SCOTT! **EVERY** SHIP HAS ONE OF THOSE STRANGE SIGNS FLOATING ABOVE IT... HELD THERE BY SOME INVISIBLE FORCE!



MAYBE IT'S NOT REAL... MAYBE I'VE GONE **MAD**! THAT STORM MUST HAVE DERANGED MY MIND...



THEN HE SAW THEM, IMMENSE DRBS THAT TOWERED HIGH OVER THE HORIZON BEHIND HIM...

EYES! TWO GIGANTIC EYES WATCHING ME! WHAT KIND OF A CREATURE CAN IT BE? WHAT KIND OF A PLACE IS THIS?



AND THEN, IN THE NEXT MOMENT, IT ALL ADDED UP TO ONE UNBELIEVABLE TRUTH!...

THE SHIPS...THOSE STRANGE SIGNS, THAT TRANSPARENT WALL AND THOSE HUGE EYES. YES, THAT'S IT! THIS PLACE IS A HUGE MUSEUM...FOR CREATURES OF AN ALIEN WORLD!



THOSE STARING EYES---I CAN'T STAND THEM! I MUST HIDE---



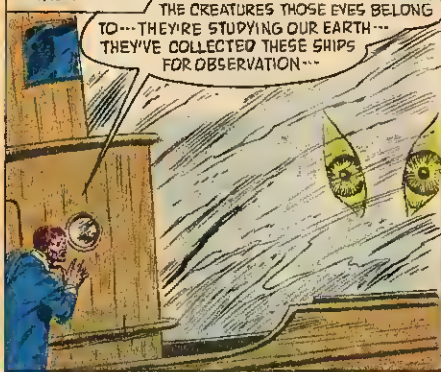
IN THE WEEKS THAT FOLLOWED, HE HID IN THE DEPTHS OF THE SHIPS--- TRYING TO HOLD ON TO THE REMNANTS OF HIS SANITY---

THOSE EYES AGAIN---THEY'RE LOOKING FOR ME---THEY MUST HAVE SEEN ME THAT FIRST TIME---



BUT THE SCIENTIST WAS STILL ALIVE WITHIN HIM! SLOWLY, LANCELOT BOGGS PIECED TOGETHER THE WEIRD FACTS---

THE CREATURES THOSE EYES BELONG TO---THEY'RE STUDYING OUR EARTH--- THEY'VE COLLECTED THESE SHIPS FOR OBSERVATION---

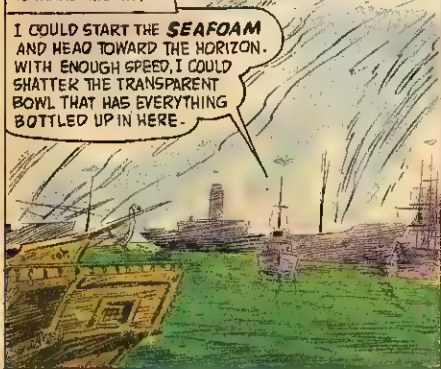


BUT I CAN'T STAY HERE LIKE AN ANIMAL TRAPPED IN A CAGE! I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE!



SLOWLY, AS THE MONTHS PASSED, HE FORMED A PLAN OF ESCAPE. BIT BY BIT, HE PIECED TOGETHER THE COURAGE TO MAKE THE TRY---

I COULD START THE **SEAFOAM** AND HEAD TOWARD THE HORIZON. WITH ENOUGH SPEED, I COULD SHATTER THE TRANSPARENT BOWL THAT HAS EVERYTHING BOTTLED UP IN HERE.



ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN IF THOSE EYES SPOT THE SHIP MOVING! IT MIGHT MEAN MY LIFE, BUT EVEN THAT'S BETTER THAN STAYING IN THIS GHASTLY, SILENT TOMB!



IN HIS CAREER AS OCEANOGRAPHER, LANCELOT HAD LEARNED SOMETHING ABOUT SHIPS. SOMEHOW, HE MANAGED TO START THE ENGINES OF THE SEAFOAM...

WELL, I'VE GOT HER HEADED TOWARD THE HORIZON, BUT I CAN'T GET RID OF THAT BLASTED SIGN THAT'S HANGING OVER THE SHIP. IT SEEMS HELD THERE BY SOME INVISIBLE FORCE.



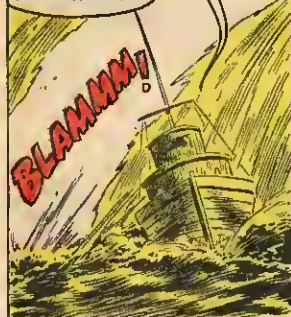
HE WAS HALFWAY TO THE TRANSPARENT WALL WHEN SUDDENLY...

THE EYES!
THEY'VE SPOTTED
THE SHIP!



THE REACTION OF THE ALIEN BEING WAS INSTANTANEOUS AND TERRIBLE...

IT'S NOT LIGHTNING... IT'S SOME KIND OF HUGE ENERGY GUN! BUT IF IT EVER HITS...



ZIG-ZAGGING DESPERATELY, BOGGS HELD HIS COURSE TOWARD THE TRANSPARENT WALL...

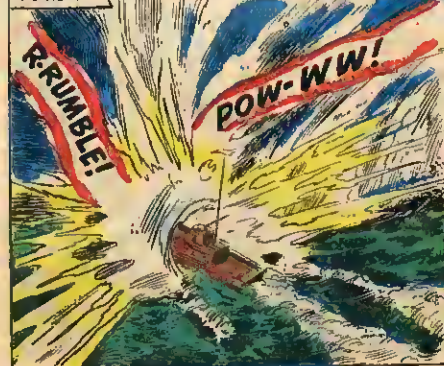


AND THEN THE SHIMMERING, DANCING GLEAM OF THE TRANSPARENT WALL LOOMED AHEAD...

DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN WHEN I HIT IT... SO HERE GOES!

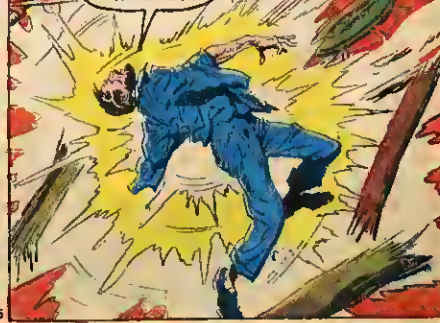


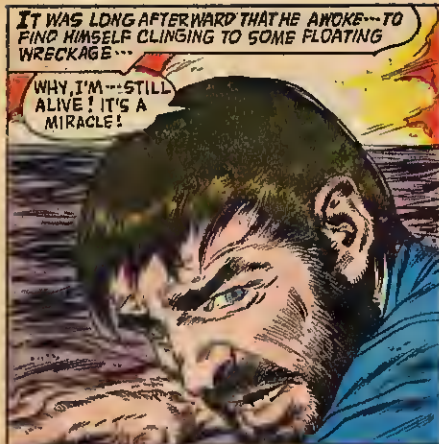
EVEN AS THE SHIP STRUCK, IT SEEMED TO BE ENVELOPED BY MIGHTY FORCES OF UNSPEAKABLE POWER...



HE WAS ENGULFED IN A WHIRLPOOL OF PURE FORCE... AN INCREDIBLE MAELSTROM OF ENERGY HE COULDN'T UNDERSTAND...

I'M FINISHED!
THROUGH!





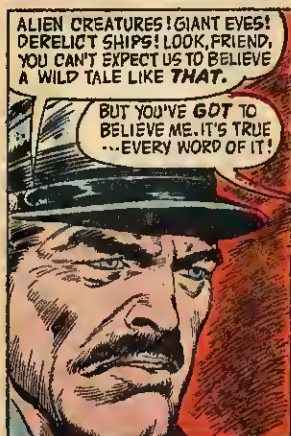
IT WAS LONG AFTERWARD THAT HE AWOKE...TO FIND HIMSELF CLINGING TO SOME FLOATING WRECKAGE...

WHY, I'M...STILL ALIVE! IT'S A MIRACLE!



...AND THAT'S MY STORY! SOMEHOW I MANAGED TO HANG ONTO THAT WRECKAGE UNTIL YOU FOUND ME, GENTLEMEN.

THAT'S SOME STORY YOU'VE GOT THERE, MR. BOGGS!



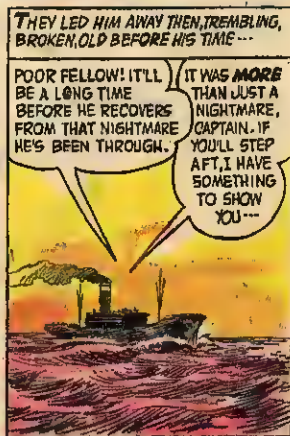
ALIEN CREATURES! GIANT EYES! DERELICT SHIPS! LOOK, FRIEND, YOU CAN'T EXPECT US TO BELIEVE A WILD TALE LIKE THAT.

BUT YOU'VE GOT TO BELIEVE ME. IT'S TRUE...EVERY WORD OF IT!



THE WHOLE THING WAS IN YOUR MIND. YOUR LONG EXPOSURE TO THE ELEMENTS MADE YOU IMAGINE IT ALL!

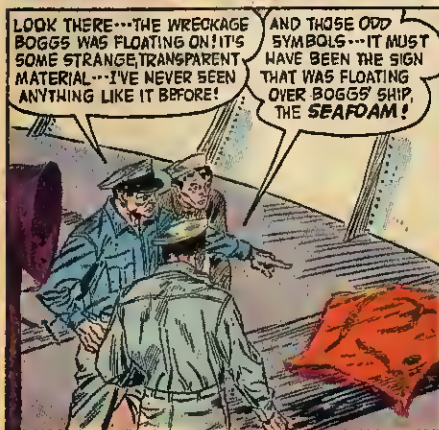
NO! I DIDN'T IMAGINE IT...I DIDN'T! I'M TELLING YOU IT REALLY HAPPENED...



THEY LED HIM AWAY THEN, TREMBLING, BROKEN, OLD BEFORE HIS TIME...

POOR FELLOW! IT'LL BE A LONG TIME BEFORE HE RECOVERS FROM THAT NIGHTMARE HE'S BEEN THROUGH.

IT WAS MORE THAN JUST A NIGHTMARE, CAPTAIN. IF YOU'LL STEP AFT, I HAVE SOMETHING TO SHOW YOU...



LOOK THERE...THE WRECKAGE BOGGS WAS FLOATING ON! IT'S SOME STRANGE, TRANSPARENT MATERIAL...I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT BEFORE!

AND THOSE ODD SYMBOLS...IT MUST HAVE BEEN THE SIGN THAT WAS FLOATING OVER BOGGS' SHIP, THE SEAFOAM!



IT CAN'T BE TRUE. IT'S TOO FANTASTIC!

AND YET I COULD SWEAR I FEEL EYES WATCHING... WATCHING US!

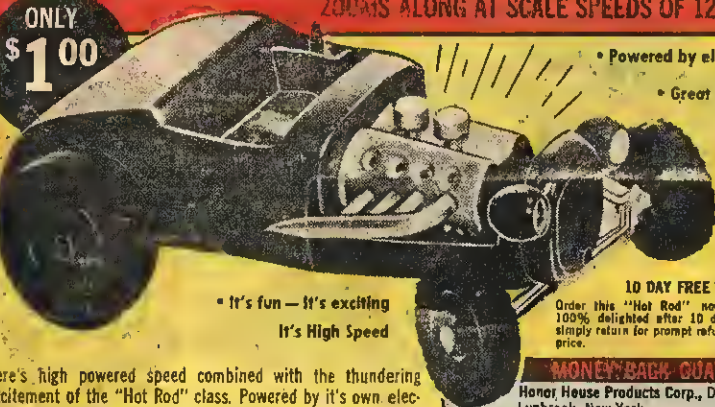
WAS IT A NIGHTMARE OR REALITY? WHAT DO YOU THINK, READER?

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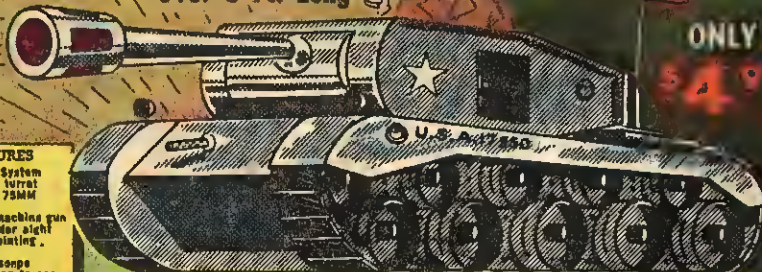
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WORLD in TORMENT!

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BWANA, I WARNED YOU NOT TO OFFEND THE SPIRITS! SEE HOW THE EARTH BOILS WITH FIRE... AND THE SUN SPINS IN THE SKY!

HIGH IN THE AFRICAN UPLANDS, THERE WAS DISSENSION IN THE INTERNATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPEDITION...

FOSTER, ALL THAT THIS GRAVEL AND BOULDERS PROVE IS THAT THESE MOUNTAINS WERE ONCE COVERED WITH A HUGE GLACIER.

THEY PROVE A LOT MORE THAN THAT, DR. SLODDEN. I'M CERTAIN THAT THIS PART OF AFRICA WAS ONCE THE EARTH'S SOUTH POLE!

LOOK AT THIS CHART! MY STUDIES PROVE THAT THE CRUST OF THE EARTH ONCE SHIFTED FOR THOUSANDS OF MILES... AND THAT THE EARTH'S POLES MOVED ALONG WITH IT!

YOU'RE WASTING TIME, FOSTER. THE THEORY OF MIGRATING POLES WAS DISPROVEN BY GEOLOGISTS MANY YEARS AGO!

UNLESS YOU AGREE TO STOP INVESTIGATING THIS WORTHLESS THEORY OF YOURS, I'LL HAVE TO DISMISS YOU FROM THE EXPEDITION!

IF THAT'S THE WAY YOU FEEL, DR. SLODDEN, PLEASE ACCEPT MY RESIGNATION!



FOSTER'S KINDLY TREATMENT EARNED THE LOYALTY OF SEVERAL NATIVE BEARERS. AMONG THESE WAS KANAI--

YOU SHOULD HAVE GONE DOWNSTREAM WITH THE REST OF THE EXPEDITION, KANAI.

NO, BWANA FOSTER! WHILE YOU STAY IN UPLANDS, KANAI AND THE OTHERS STAY WITH YOU.



IT WAS THEN THAT FOSTER REVEALED HIS PLANS--

MY WORK NEEDS FURTHER INVESTIGATION, KANAI. IF MY GUESS IS RIGHT, I'LL FIND THE INFORMATION I NEED OUT THERE--IN THOSE HIGH MOUNTAINS.

BUT BWANA, THAT IS A CURSED PLACE!



AMONG MY PEOPLE, THOSE MOUNTAINS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN TABOO--FORBIDDEN! FOR IT IS SAID THAT IN THEM DWELL SPIRITS WITH POWER TO DESTROY THE WORLD IF THEY ARE ANGERED!



I HAVE SAID MY JOURNEY LIES IN THAT DIRECTION--AND SPIRITS DO NOT FRIGHTEN ME! BUT IF KANAI AND THE OTHERS ARE AFRAID--

WE ARE NOT AFRAID, BWANA.



IF BWANA FOSTER GOES TO THE PLACE OF DANGER, THEN WE WILL FOLLOW!



TWO WEEKS LATER THEY REACHED THE HEADWATERS OF THE RIVER. FOR DAYS, THE BEARERS HAD SHOWN INCREASING ANXIETY--AND NOW--

THE MEN ARE FRIGHTENED MORE THAN EVER. THEY WILL GO NO FURTHER!

ALL RIGHT, THEN, LET THEM WAIT HERE AND YOU STAY HERE TOO, KANAI--TO KEEP AN EYE ON THE SUPPLIES.



THE MOUNTAINS ARE ONLY A HALF DAY'S JOURNEY FROM HERE. I'LL FINISH THE TRIP BY MYSELF. AND IF I FIND ANY SPIRITS, I'LL BRING ONE BACK FOR YOU!

IT IS NOT GOOD TO JEST OF SUCH THINGS. THESE MOUNTAINS HIDE SECRETS THAT YOU DARE NOT DREAM OF!



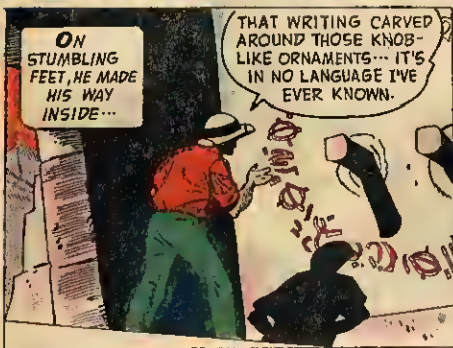


ASCENDING THE FOOTHILLS, FOSTER BECAME AWARE OF A STRANGE FEELING OF TENSION AND ANXIETY. WITH EVERY STRIDE, HIS LIMBS SEEMED TO GROW WEAKER...

IT MIGHT BE JUNGLE FEVER... OR PERHAPS A BIT TOO MUCH SUN.



HE HAD GONE AS FAR AS HIS STRENGTH COULD CARRY HIM WHEN SUDDENLY HE SAW IT...



TO FOSTER, THOSE CARVED ORNAMENTS WERE A TANTALIZING MYSTERY. IT WAS INEVITABLE THAT HE TRY TO DISCOVER THEIR MEANING AND PURPOSE...



EVEN AS THE KNOB MOVED INWARD, THE EARTH BENEATH HIS FEET SEEMED TO QUIVER AND TREMBLE LIKE A THING ALIVE...





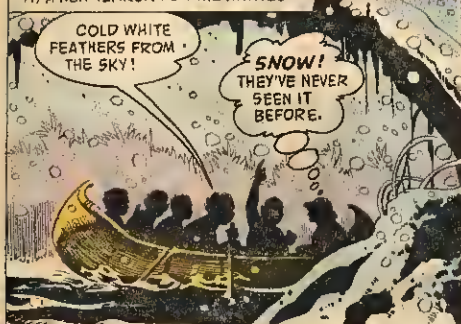
BY NOW, THE SLUGGISH JUNGLE STREAM HAD BECOME A RAGING TORRENT, AS IF THE RIVER ITSELF WAS FLEEING FROM THE AWESOME FORCES THAT SHOOK THE JUNGLE...



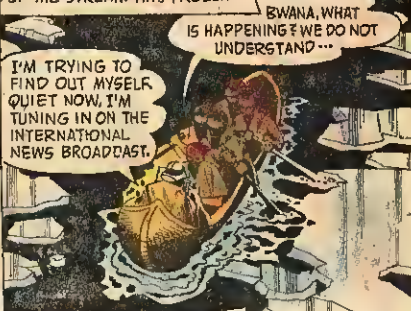
AND NOW THEY WERE JOINED BY OTHERS, AS DOZENS OF CANOES HURRIED THE FRIGHTENED NATIVES OF THE REGION AWAY...



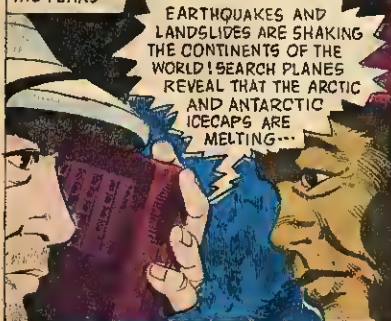
THEN CAME A SUDDEN FALL OF TEMPERATURE... AND WITH IT, A NEW TERROR FOR THE NATIVES...



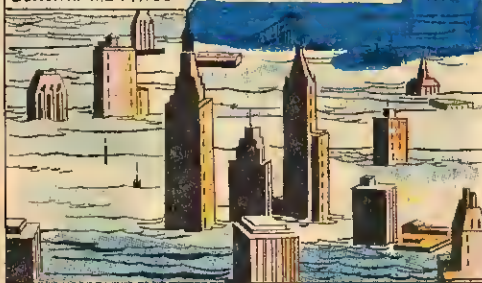
DAY AFTER DAY THEY MOVED DOWNSTREAM THROUGH THE INCREASING COLD. ALREADY MOST OF THE STREAM WAS FROZEN...



HE HEARD IT THEN, THE CONFIRMATION OF ALL HIS FEARS...



AS HE LISTENED, FOSTER COULD SEE IN HIS MIND'S EYE WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN... THE FLOODED SEAS ENGULFING THE COAST PORTS, ISLANDS AND CONTINENTS SINKING BENEATH THE WAVES...



ALREADY, REFUGEES WERE FLEEING THE QUAKES AND FLOODS...



THE ANNOUNCER'S FINAL COMMENT AWOKE FOSTER TO AWFUL REALITY...



THE MOUNTAINS OF AFRICA!... THAT ANCIENT BUILDING... IT HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH ALL THIS! I'VE GOT TO GO BACK!



BUT THE NATIVES QAILED AT THE VERY SUGGESTION OF RETURNING...

GO BACK?
HAS THE BWANA GONE MAD?
MISFORTUNE HAS FOLLOWED
US EVER SINCE WE FIRST
ENTERED THAT CURSED
REGION...

YES, KANAI, AND THAT IS
WHY I MUST RETURN
THERE--FOR I KNOW
NOW THAT I AM RESPON-
SIBLE FOR THESE
TERRIBLE THINGS
THAT HAVE
HAPPENED!



SWIFTLY HE TOLD THE STORY OF THE OLD BUILDING... OF THE STRANGE STONE KNOB HE HAD PRESSED WITH SUCH TRAGIC RESULTS...

ENOUGH...I SEE THAT
THE BWANA MUST RETURN!
AND KANAI MUST GO
WITH HIM!

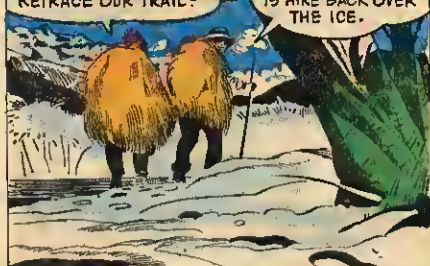
I COULDN'T ASK
FOR A BETTER
COMPANION ON SUCH
A PERILOUS
JOURNEY!



THEY LEFT THE OTHERS BEHIND AND STARTED THE LONG TREK BACKWARD...

THIS LAND IS STRANGE
TO ME NOW. HOW WILL WE
RETRACE OUR TRAIL?

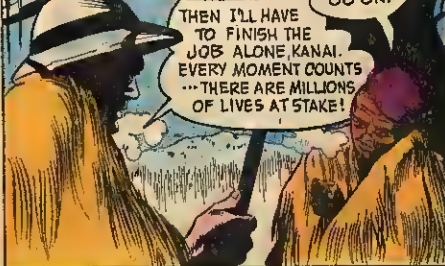
NOW THAT THE
RIVER HAS FROZEN,
ALL WE HAVE TO DO
IS HIKE BACK OVER
THE ICE.



IT WAS A WEEK LATER THAT THE FEARSOME JOURNEY ENDED...

THIS IS THE SPOT WE STARTED
FROM, BWANA FOSTER...BUT I
AM TOO SICK, TOO WEARY TO
GO ON.

THEN I'LL HAVE
TO FINISH
THE
JOB ALONE, KANAI.
EVERY MOMENT COUNTS
...THERE ARE MILLIONS
OF LIVES AT STAKE!



RICK FOSTER CLAMBERED UP INTO THE MOUNTAINS UNTIL...

THIS IS IT!
THIS IS THE
PLACE! BUT...BUT
THE OLD BUILDING IS
BURIED SOMEWHERE
BENEATH ALL THAT
SNOW AND ICE!



**THEN IT BEGAN--THE LONG, WEARY-
ING HOURS OF DIGGING, CLAWING,
HACKING AT THE ICE WITH RAGGED
BOOTS AND BRUISED HANDS, UNTIL...**

THE DOOR!
THERE IT IS--
AT LAST!



THE SECOND
KNOB...I'LL TRY
THAT ONE! IT'S...
THE ONLY
CHANCE...



HE GRASPED THE KNOB---AND ONCE AGAIN IT HAPPENED! SUDDENLY THE EARTH WAS HEAVING, SHAKING BENEATH HIS FEET---

IT'S BEGUN! I'VE GOT TO GET BACK---THROUGH THE DOOR---



THROUGH DAZED EYES HE SAW IT ONCE MORE--- THE SUN SPINNING AND WHEELING ACROSS THE SKY---



MOVING, MOVING
---WHILE---EARTH
SHAKES---

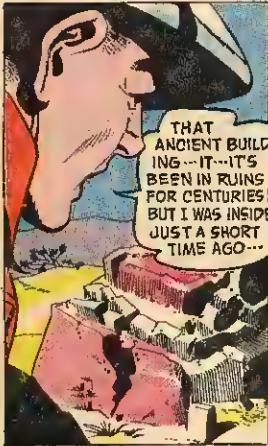
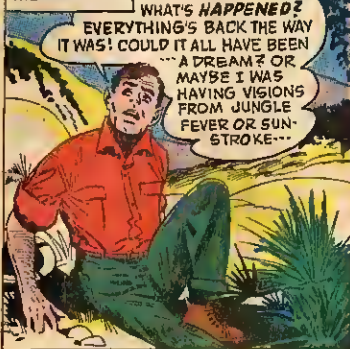
THEN, SUDDENLY, IT WAS ALL TOO MUCH FOR HIM---TOO MUCH FOR HIS SPENT BODY AND EXHAUSTED BRAIN---



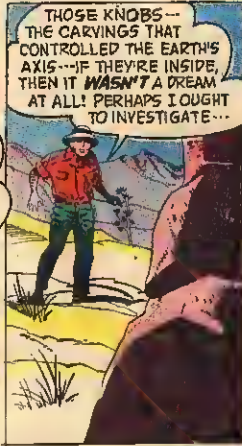
I CAN'T STAND IT ANYMORE
---EVERYTHING---TURNING
BLACK---

HE DIDN'T KNOW HOW LONG AFTERWARD IT WAS THAT HE CAME TO HIS SENSES. SOMEHOW, THE FEAR AND EXHAUSTION WERE GONE. IT WAS AS IF HE HAD AWAKENED FROM A NIGHTMARE---

WHAT'S HAPPENED?
EVERYTHING'S BACK THE WAY
IT WAS! COULD IT ALL HAVE BEEN
---A DREAM? OR
MAYBE I WAS
HAVING VISIONS
FROM JUNGLE
FEVER OR SUN-
STROKE---



THAT
ANCIENT BUILD-
ING---IT---IT'S
BEEN IN RUINS
FOR CENTURIES!
BUT I WAS INSIDE
JUST A SHORT
TIME AGO---

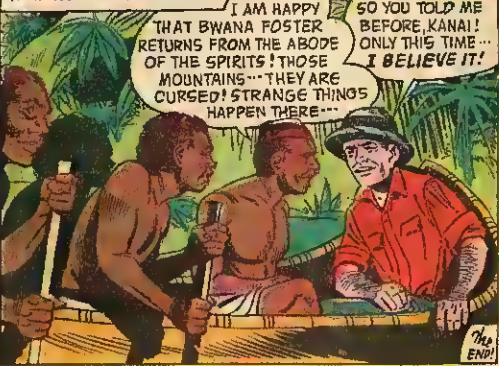


THOSE KNOBS---
THE CARVINGS THAT
CONTROLLED THE EARTH'S
AXIS---IF THEY'RE INSIDE,
THEN IT *WASN'T* A DREAM
AT ALL! PERHAPS I OUGHT
TO INVESTIGATE---



NO, I'M NOT GOING
IN *THERE* AGAIN! IF THOSE
OLD RUINS ARE GOING TO
BE INVESTIGATED, SOMEONE
ELSE WILL HAVE TO
DO IT!

HE FOUND HIS NATIVE BEARERS AWAITING HIM---AS IF NOTHING HAD HAPPENED---



I AM HAPPY
THAT BWANA FOSTER
RETURNS FROM THE ABODE
OF THE SPIRITS! THOSE
MOUNTAINS---THEY ARE
CURSED! STRANGE THINGS
HAPPEN THERE---

SO YOU TOLD ME
BEFORE, KANAI!
ONLY THIS TIME...
I BELIEVE IT!

THE
END!



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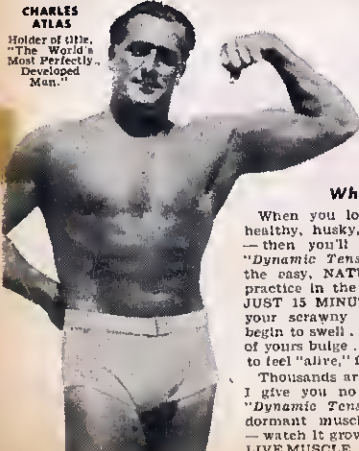
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